

I am writing about the FM broadcast that K-Love provides on 92.3 in San Antonio, Texas. We lived there for three years, and were unbelievably blessed by the music and ministry that this radio station provides. (We are currently overseas with the military, and continue to support K-Love with our monthly pledge and listen on-line.)

The service that K-Love FM radio provides to the San Antonio community is difficult to describe. Being able to tune the dial and find words and music filled with truth and no advertising was a new experience to us when we moved to San Antonio in 2001. Especially while driving around town with our two young children, the assurance that we had as a family that only positive words -- with no screaming and shouting and overly loud, inappropriate advertising -- would be streaming into our car and into the heads and hearts of our children, truly felt like a gift. I can say quite confidently that we would not have enjoyed our lives in San Antonio quite as much if it had not been for the ministry of K-Love on the FM dial. There is not much else worth listening to in these days.

It is most definitely in the public's interest to maintain FM radio stations like K-Love in San Antonio and in the rest of the country. There is so little positive, truthful music and broadcasting on TV and on the radio today. What are we to do? My family and I have no desire to crawl into a hole and pretend the rest of the world does not exist, but there are times that it is tempting. The thought that the minisry of K-Love is quite possibly at risk is absolutely devastating to our family. Not having K-Love or other listener-supported Christian radio (if there is any -- I don't know) as an option would seem to us to be a punishment -- almost like being forced to ingest poison. It probably sounds a bit extreme, but our six and four-year-old should not have to be barraged with sexual word or video images. By taking away the option of K-Love, that is the exposure risk we would be facing. And to avoid that risk, I would most definitely turn off the radio, which would disconnect us from the world on a certain level. And that is not what we want for our family.

I don't fully understand the discussions occurring right now, but the very thought that K-Love in San Antonio and elsewhere is at risk concerns me very greatly. Do not lay aside moral fibre when making these decisions. My freedom to listen to positive words and music is just as important as somebody else's freedom not to. If K-Love and other similar FM stations are taken away, that gives me no freedom at all, because what's left we consider inappropriate for family listening. If somebody else doesn't want to listen, they can turn their dial. If K-Love is taken away, there is nowhere for us to turn.